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For WINDBACK LABYRINTH SEAL)
THAT ACCOMMODATES A)
PRESSURE DIFFERENTIAL)
FOR ROTATING SHAFTS)


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AMENDMENT A

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 25, 2004, Applicant, through his attorney, replies as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.